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Responsible Leadership towards attainment of Sustainable Development Goals

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The topic of responsible leadership has grown prominence over the last decade. A SCOPUS search with keyword as “responsible leadership” generated 455 articles. However, the with the terms “Responsible Leadership” and “Sustainable Development Goals” generated only ten articles. Responsible leadership has been equated with virtuous leadership, authentic leadership, servant leadership and transformative leadership. The meaning of responsible leadership has evolved over the years due to the challenges thrown in by global warming, climate changes, digital transformation and economic and social disparity across the globe.

Responsible leadership is the engine that drives towards business resilience in an uncertain business environment (Badaracco, 2013). Voegtlin et al (2020) have defined responsible leader as one who is an expert business strategist, is socially responsible towards external stakeholders and is an empathetic and motivating leader for its employees. In an organizational set up responsible leadership has a trickledown effect (Chen et al., 2019). The proactive responsible leaders not only behave responsibly towards its external and internal stakeholders but also contribute towards sustainable development goal (Zhang and Guo, 2022). Commitment towards sustainable development goal will require enabling competencies for stakeholder collaborations. Muff et al.(2020) have classified competencies for “Responsible Leadership” that drives sustainable development goals into five clusters: Stakeholders Relations, Ethics and Values, Systems Thinking, Self-Awareness and Change & Innovation. They identified 45 sub-competencies under this 5 clusters which need to be developed in terms of knowledge, skill and attitude. A responsible leadership require an integrative approach to arrive at an morally superior decision in situations of ethical dilemma both in organizational and social context (Pless et al., 2022). Responsible Leadership lead to better stakeholder engagement, health and well-being.

In this book we will look forward to chapters related to case studies and empirical research on role of responsible leadership towards sustainable development goals. Submission deadline for manuscripts is March 31st 2023. All manuscripts will go through a regular double-blind review process as stipulated by Springer Nature Guidelines. Accepted papers are expected to be published both online and as a Hard Copy in December 2023.

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